Inferior quality of commodities supplied through FPS in Delhi and Haryana

3317. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the quality of essential commodities sugar, rice, wheat, etc. being supplied through Fair Price Shops are not good in Delhi and Haryana;

(b) if so, the reasons and details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to take effective steps in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) to (d) The essential commodities allocated by the Central Government to the States/UTs for distribution under Public Distribution System conform to prescribed specifications. However, if there are any specific instances of complaints by State Govts/UT Admn., these are looked into.

Recently FCI received one complaint regarding quality in respect of rice supplied in Haryana, and a few complaints regarding wheat supplied in Delhi, on which suitable actions were taken.

The responsibility of further distribution of PDS commodities to fair price shops lies with the State Govt./UT Administrations concerned.

Doordarshan facilities in the villages

3318. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there are a number of villages in the country where Doordarshan facilities have not since been provided;

(b) if so, the names of such villages Statewise ; and

(c) by when Doordarshan facilities are likely to be provided/started in each part of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (PROF. K. K. TEWARY) : (a) to (c) Whereas TV service is at present available to 70% of rural population of the country spread over 3,43,743 villages, an additional 86,505 villages are expected to be brought under TV coverage on completion of the various Seventh Plan schemes. TV service is then expected to be available to about 81% of the rural population of the country, leaving about 1.50 lakh villages uncovered. Extension of TV service to the uncovered parts of the country can be carried out in a phased manner depending upon the availability of resources for this purpose in the future plans of TV expansion.

Earning through advertisements

3319. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi Doordarshan has earned a huge amount by way of advertisements;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the estimated amount earned by Delhi Doordarshan from each

of the Company during the last three years, year-wise; and

(d) names of the five serials from which Delhi Dordarshan earned the maximum amount during the said period ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (PROF. K.K. TEWARY): (a) and (b) The size of the gross revenue collected by Delhi Doordarshan (Delhi and Relay Transmitters Network and II Channel) from advertisement/spots and sponsorship fee during the last three financial years is as under :

1986-87	Rs. 7.08 crores
1987-88	Rs. 8.83 crores
1988-89	Rs. 11.97 crores.

(c) Doordarshan books advertisements through the advertising agencies and not directly through the companies who advertise. Therefore the ledger account is maintained agency-wise not company wise.

(d) The information is being collected.

Starting of more Channels of Doordarshan in the country

3320. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to start more Channels of Doordarshan in the country ;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) by when the above channels are likely to start functioning; and

(d) the details of financial implications for this purpose ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (PROF. K.K. TEWARY): (a) Provision of Second Channel TV service was approved only for the four metropolitan cities of Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta and Madras under the VII plan. There is no approved scheme to introduce such facility at any other place.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Setting up of Regional Training Institute at Bhubaneswar

3321. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to set up a regional training institute at Bhubaneswar to provide training to the staff and artist of All India Radio ;

(b) if so, the land earmarked for the location of the institute ;

(c) whether the same is likely to be set up during the current financial year; and

(d) if not, by when the institute is likely to be set up in Orissa ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (PROF. K.K. TEWARY) (a) The Seventh Five Year Plan of AIR has an approved scheme for setting up of a Regional Technical Training Centre at Bhubaneshwar This will not train Artists.

(b) 10.14 acres.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. This institute is envisaged to become operational during the 8th Plan.

Delay in sanction of estimate submitted by CPWD

3322. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of estimates submitted by the CPWD which had been sanctioned by the Ministry during the last five years;